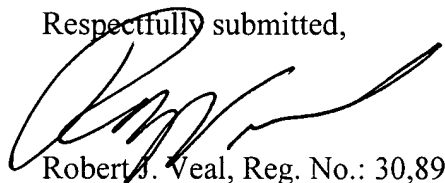


REMARKS

The learned Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 11 to 19 as set forth in the body of the Office Action dated January 22, 2004. Pursuant to the restriction requirement claims 1 through 10 and 21 and 22 have been cancelled from this application and re-presented in a divisional application.

Applicant wishes to point out to the learned Examiner that there appears to be clerical errors with respect to the disposition of the claims. Specifically, the examiners remarks indicated that claims 11-19 are allowable over the art, however, claims 20 and 23 to 26 were previously presented in the Second Preliminary Amendment filed on September 28, 2001 and are dependant from allowed claim 11. These claims were grouped with Group II in the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, therefore Applicant believes that the claims are allowable and allowed although not specifically mentioned in the Office Action issued January 22, 2004. The An indication of the allowability of these dependant claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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